

*Witness List*

Panel I: Daniel Glaser, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

Alan Misenheimer, Director of Arabian Peninsula and Iran Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Anthony Cordesman, Co-Director, Middle East Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC.

Nina Shea, Director, Center for Religious Freedom, Washington, DC.

Steve Emerson, Terrorism Expert and Executive Director, Investigative Project on Terrorism, Washington, DC.

Gulam Bakali, Islamic Association of North Texas, Board of Trustees, Richardson, TX.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Executive Nominations" on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

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Panel I: The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, R-TX; The Honorable John Cornyn, U.S. Senator, R-TX.

Panel II: Carol E. Dinkins to be Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board; Alan Charles Raul to be Vice Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH, NUTRITION, AND GENERAL LEGISLATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition and General Legislation be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in SDG-50, Senate Dirksen Office Building. The purpose of this Subcommittee Hearing will be to discuss the Pet Animal Welfare, PAWS, statute.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled, "Strengthening Hurricane Recovery Efforts for Small Businesses" on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be author-

ized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 8, 2005 at 10 a.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management be authorized to hold an oversight hearing at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 8, on the impact of certain government contractor liability proposals on environmental laws.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Richard Ferguson be allowed floor privileges during the consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act. He is a Defense fellow for Senator HARRY REID.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEAHY. I ask unanimous consent that Erica Santo Pietro of my staff be granted the privileges of the floor for the rest of today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator DAYTON, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Mike Powers, a fellow in his office, for the duration of the floor debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 261, H.R. 797.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 797) to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, today, I rise in support of H.R. 797, the Native American Housing Enhancement Act of 2005. This bill is identical to a bill Senator JOHNSON and I introduced in February, S. 475, that will encourage home ownership and enhance housing opportunities for Native Americans across the country. H.R. 797 is an important piece of legislation and I commend my Senate colleague, Senator TIM JOHNSON from South Dakota, and my colleague on the House side, Congressman RICK RENZI from Arizona, for their continued leadership on Indian housing issues.

Home ownership is a fundamental building block of a successful commu-

nity. Simply put, ownership promotes pride and pride promotes improvement. And, when it comes to Native American housing, we have a lot of improving to do. Currently, Native Americans experience some of the worst housing conditions in the country. About 90,000 Indian families are homeless or underhoused. Nearly 33 percent of Indian homes are overcrowded, while 33 percent lack adequate solid waste management systems and 8 percent lack a safe indoor water supply.

Poor housing conditions on our reservations are a symptom of laws and regulations that fail to promote a sense of ownership and personal responsibility within our tribes. Although the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 made great strides in developing an ownership society in Indian country, we still have a lot of work to do. This legislation is a step in the right direction. Our bill would give tribes more flexibility when developing housing improvement projects, and will also give tribal housing entities the opportunity to once again take advantage of a program designed to teach kids the value of hardwork and community involvement.

The Youthbuild program is a vocational program designed to give low-income kids and highschool drop-outs between the ages of 16 and 24 the skills they need to survive in today's world. Youthbuild participants gain critical job skills and leadership training by constructing and rehabilitating affordable housing units in their communities. The new housing units are owned and managed by community housing authorities and then permanently designated for low-income families who need the most help finding a place to live. The program is an excellent tool for achieving two goals. The first goal is to provide vocational education and life-long learning skills for kids who live in some of the most economically-depressed areas of the country. These kids need skills in order to build a workforce that can support economic development on our reservations. The second goal is to build affordable housing units so tribal families can find homes with running water, adequate sewage systems, and heat and electricity.

However, as I mentioned before, tribal housing entities and tribal youth programs were barred from the Youthbuild program when the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, NAHASDA, was enacted. Accessibility was eliminated because NAHASDA gave the tribes the authority to encompass this type of activity under their respective Indian Housing Plans. Unfortunately, when tribes are prioritizing their housing projects, many choose to fix crumbling foundations, dry-rot and sanitation systems before they invest in Youthbuild-type programs. H.R. 797 will provide an alternative resource for this type of activity. Further, it will